

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: JANUARY 5, 2011

TO: MEMBERS OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM #2 - FUNDING UPDATE & ACTIONS OF MAJOR
TRANSPORTATION BODIES

This memorandum provides a brief monthly update on funding and/or actions of major regional transportation bodies that relate to Alexandria.

General updates on funding-related issues of local, regional and national importance are provided below. Attachment 1 is the Commission's regular Monthly Update of Regional Transportation Board Major Actions and Funding.

City: City Council

City Council considered modifying the Transportation Management program.

State: Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB)

The Commonwealth Transportation Board is in the process of approving Alexandria's requests to reprogram some funds. This includes the transfer of \$1 million from the Clermont Connector to the Potomac Yard project.

Regional: Transportation Planning Board (TPB) and Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA), Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC), Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) and Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC)

Transportation Planning Board (TPB)

The Transportation Planning Board held a signing ceremony between them and the U.S. DOT and between them and the project Owners, including Alexandria, at an official signing ceremony on December 14, 2010. More discussions have occurred regarding the MWCOG and the Washington Board of Trade report recommending changes in the way WMATA is governed.

Washington Area Transit Authority (WMATA)

The WMATA Board adopted a resolution which implements five of the recommendations of the MWCOG and Board of Trade report on WMATA reorganization and requests legal guidance regarding two of the recommendations. The WMATA Board also set up a Governance Committee to develop a proposed standing body of bylaws formalizing the Board's Committee structure, and will also consider formulating bylaw changes on the term and rotation of the Chair. This will be done in 60 days.

Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC)

NVTC representatives and the Commonwealth of Virginia are in negotiations concerning governance issues at WMATA.

Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTa)

No NVTa meeting in December, 2010.

Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC)

At its December 16 meeting, the NVRC passed a resolution for staff to send a proposal to the FHWA for a Northern Virginia Dynamic Ridesharing Program to Reduce BRAC-related Traffic Impacts. Since then, the FHWA has responded, suggesting that NVRC partner with the Dulles Airport Authority and the District Department of Transportation (DDOT), since they are pursuing similar efforts. NVRC will likely be asking for a local match from Alexandria.

Federal: Funding Updates and Grant Notices of Awards

None

Attachment 1: Monthly Update of Non-Federal Transportation Board Major Actions & Funding